

# Tax Certificate Request Instructions on back

Type of certificate requested					
Title 15 To reinstate with the Secretary of State after being involuntarily dissolved		Dissolution/ Withdrawal To withdraw/dissolve with the Secretary of State	Reviver To reinstate with the Secretary of State after being suspended by the Department of Revenue	Tax Clearance To verify that your final return was filed and all taxes have been paid	Good Standing To show that your filing and payment requirements are current
1. Entity	y name				
2. Entity	y address				·
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4. Indic	Indicate your business type: C corporation S corporation LLC taxed as a partnership LLC taxed as a corporation LLC taxed as a sole proprietor				
5. Fede	Federal Employer Identification Number				
6. Date	that the entity	was formed:			-
7. State	State in which the entity was formed:				
8. If you	u file as a corpo	oration, please answer/co	omplete the following:		
a. Ar	a. Are you filing a combined tax return?YesNo				
	yes, enter the pa				
Name					
FEIN	1				
As	ssumption of Tax	cluded in the Montana tax x Liability.			bility faxed to you.
		organization?			
-		st qualify for tax exempt s		a certificate. (See instruc	tions.)
10. Indic	cate whether you	ur entity is:			
	-	ng Dissolving	Merging _	Reinstating	
b. If merging, please provide the following for the surviving entity:					
Nam	ıe				
FEIN	1				
11. Wher	re would you like	e us to send your certifica	ate?		
Phor	ne number				
Signature of officer				ate	
Print n	ame and title_				_

Mail this request to: Montana Department of Revenue, Attn: Certificates, PO Box 8021, Helena, MT 59604-8021, or fax it to (406) 444-6642.

Questions? Please email us at DORTaxCertificates@mt.gov, or call us toll free at (866) 859-2254 (in Helena, 444-6900).

## **Tax Certificate Request Instructions**

If the filing of tax returns is necessary before a certificate can be issued, please submit copies of these returns along with this form. This will expedite the process.

### **Nonprofit Organizations**

If your organization has registered as a nonprofit organization with the Secretary of State, but has not yet qualified for tax-exempt status with the Department of Revenue, the following information needs to be filed for your organization to establish tax-exempt status and to subsequently receive any certificate:

- 1. an affidavit stating the purpose of the organization
- 2. articles of incorporation
- 3. by-laws
- 4. financial statements
- 5. a copy of the IRS letter granting federal tax-exempt status, if available

#### **Certificates - Secretary of State**

There are no fees charged for any certificate. Upon issuance, your entity will receive an original certificate along with a copy. Both of these certificates must be submitted to the Secretary of State, Business Services Bureau at the following address:

Secretary of State Business Services Bureau P.O. Box 202801 Helena, MT 59620-2801 Phone (406) 444-3665

**Title 15 Certificate (T-15)** – To reinstate an entity after it has been dissolved by the Secretary of State, all tax returns have to be submitted and all taxes paid prior to the issuance of a certificate by the Department of Revenue. In the event that the entity did not engage in any activity in Montana, the entity can file an Affidavit of Corporate Inactivity (Form ). This form is available on our website, *mt.gov/revenue*.

**Dissolution/Withdrawal Certificate (DWC)** – For purposes of voluntary withdrawal or dissolution with the Secretary of State, Section 15-31-552, MCA provides for a DWC. This certificate verifies that the entity has filed all applicable returns and has paid all taxes owing the State of Montana up to the date of request for dissolution or withdrawal. The entity remains responsible for the filing of a final return upon its withdrawal or dissolution (see TCC under "Optional Certificates").

**Certificate of Reviver** – If the Department of Revenue, rather than the Secretary of State, suspended your entity, you will need to request a Certificate of Reviver as well as a Title-15 Certificate.

#### **Optional Certificates**

Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC) – At the time of final withdrawal or dissolution, the Department of Revenue, will, upon request, furnish to a corporation a TCC verifying that the entity has filed all applicable returns. In addition, the certificate confirms that all taxes have been paid through and including the entity's final year of existence in Montana. This certificate is not required to be filed with the Secretary of State.

Good Standing Certificate – Upon request by the taxpayer, a Good Standing Certificate is available from the Department of Revenue which will serve as confirmation that the entity has filed all tax returns and paid all taxes. This certificate is not filed with the Secretary of State. Instead, it is requested by the taxpayer for verification to outside parties, such as financial institutions, that the taxpayer has no outstanding tax obligation.

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